

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claims 2-55:

1       2. (New) A nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus comprising:

2             a tube formed as a generally L-shaped strut for conforming to the contour of the nose of a  
3             wearer, said L-shaped strut having a proximal end connected to an oxygen supply and a distal  
4             end connected to a nosepiece having a one or more intra-nasal oxygen delivery output ports.

1       3. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said L-  
2             shaped strut and said nosepiece are a single component.

1       4. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said L-  
2             shaped strut and said nosepiece are multiple components.

1       5. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said L-  
2             shaped strut includes a long leg member shaped to rest in substantially flush contact with the  
3             ridge pole of the wearer's nose.

1   6. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 5, wherein said L-  
2 shaped strut further includes a short leg member proximally coupled in a contiguously bending  
3 manner to said long leg member such that said short leg member is shaped to extend over the tip  
4 of the wearer's nose, said short leg distally coupled to said nosepiece.

1   7. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 6, wherein said long  
2 leg member, said short leg member and said nosepiece are a single component.

1   8. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 6, wherein said long  
2 leg member, said short leg member and said nosepiece are multiple components.

1   9. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said  
2 nosepiece comprises a hollow body in fluid communication with said L-shaped strut.

1   10. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 9, wherein said  
2 nosepiece further comprises a septum bearing surface from which said one or more intra-nasal  
3 oxygen delivery output ports extend in alignment with one or more of the wearer's nares.

1   11. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 10, wherein said L-  
2 shaped strut and said nosepiece are a single component.

1   12. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 10, wherein said L-  
2 shaped strut and said nosepiece are a multiple components.

1       13. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, further  
2       comprising a headband for securing said proximal end of said L-shaped strut against the wearer's  
3       forehead.

1       14. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 13, wherein said  
2       headband is secured to the wearer's forehead such that an inward traction force is applied to  
3       secure said one or more intra-nasal oxygen delivery output ports.

1       15. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 5, further  
2       comprising a nasal shield stabilizer including:

3              a central strip portion coupled to said long leg member; and  
4              lateral wings extending from each side of said central strip portion for gripping the sides  
5       of the wearer's nose.

1       16. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 15, wherein said L-  
2       shaped strut, said nosepiece and said nasal shield stabilizer are a single component.

1       17. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 15, wherein said L-  
2       shaped strut, said nosepiece and said nasal shield stabilizer are multiple components.

1       18. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said L-  
2       shaped strut is connected in fluid communication with an oxygen supply tube, said nasal oxygen  
3       supply cannula and support apparatus further comprising:

4              a tube support means disposed behind the wearer's head, wherein said tube support  
5       means provides a balance point for said oxygen supply tube; and

6              biasing means for applying backward tension on said oxygen supply tube.

1       19. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 18, wherein said  
2       tube support means comprises a ring.

1       20. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 18, wherein said  
2       biasing means comprises a counterweight coupled to said oxygen supply tube.

1       21. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 6, wherein said  
2       long leg member is securable to the ridge pole of the wearer's nose in such a manner as to raise  
3       and shorten the tip of the wearer's nose resulting in an increase in diameter and decrease in  
4       length of the wearer's external nasal airway.

1       22. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 21, wherein said L-  
2       shaped strut is comprised of a material with sufficient elasticity so as to allow said long leg  
3       member to be conformed to the external surface contour of the wearer's nose.

1       23. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 21 further  
2       comprising a means for securing said apparatus to the wearer's nose.

- 1    24. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 23 wherein said
- 2    means of securing said apparatus to the wearer's nose is adhesive tape.
  
- 1    25. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 23 wherein said
- 2    means of securing said apparatus to the wearer's nose is an adhesive applied to an undersurface
- 3    of said L-shaped strut.
  
- 1    26. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 21 wherein said L-
- 2    shaped strut is especially shaped, configured and adapted so as to conform to external surface
- 3    contour of the wearer's nose.
  
- 1    27. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 26 wherein said L-
- 2    shaped strut is comprised of a material having sufficient pliability and elastic memory as to allow
- 3    said conformance to the external surface contour of the wearer's nose to provide a means of
- 4    securing said apparatus to said wearer.
  
- 1    28. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 26, wherein said L-
- 2    shaped strut and said nosepiece are a single component.
  
- 1    29. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 26, wherein said L-
- 2    shaped strut and said nosepiece are multiple components.

1       30. (New) A nasal cannula support apparatus comprising:

2           a generally L-shaped longitudinal support brace having a long leg member for resting  
3          against the ridge pole of a wearer's nose and a short leg member flanging therefrom such that the  
4          longitudinal support brace substantially conforms to the wearer's nose; and

5           a tubing support cross brace transversely coupled to said longitudinal support brace,  
6          wherein said tubing support cross brace supports oxygen supply tubes on one or both sides of the  
7          wearer's nose.

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1       31. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said longitudinal support  
2          brace and said tubing support cross brace are a single component.

1       32. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said longitudinal support  
2          brace and said tubing support cross brace are multiple components.

1       33. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said tubing support cross  
2          brace is centrally coupled onto said longitudinal support brace, said tubing support cross brace  
3          including clips on each distal end thereof for retaining said oxygen supply tubes.

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1       34. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said short leg member  
2          includes a distally mounted clip for retaining an oxygen supply barrel in proximity to the  
3          wearer's septum, said oxygen supply barrel having a pair of delivery ports for delivering oxygen  
4          into the wearer's nares.

1    35. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 34, wherein said longitudinal support  
2    brace, said tubing support cross brace and said oxygen supply barrel are a single component.

1    36. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 34, wherein said longitudinal support  
2    brace, said tubing support cross brace and said oxygen supply barrel are multiple components.

1    37. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a cross member  
2    having nasal pads for securing the nasal support apparatus to the wearer's nose.

1    38. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 37, wherein said longitudinal support  
2    brace, said tubing support cross brace and said cross member are a single component.

1    39. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 37, wherein said longitudinal support  
2    brace, said tubing support cross brace and said cross member are multiple components.

1    40. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a forehead cross  
2    brace for laterally securing said longitudinal support brace to the wearer's forehead.

1    41. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 40, wherein said forehead cross brace  
2    applies an upward traction on said short leg member.

1       42. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 41, wherein said oxygen supply tubes  
2       are connected in fluid communication with one or more source supply tubes, said nasal cannula  
3       support apparatus further comprising:

4              a tube support means disposed behind the wearer's head, wherein said tube support  
5       means provides a balance point for said one or more source supply tubes; and

6              biasing means for applying backward tension on said one or more source supply tubes.

1       43. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 42, wherein said tube support means  
2       comprises a ring.

1       44. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 42, wherein said biasing means  
2       comprises a counterweight coupled to said oxygen supply tube.

1       45. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said long leg member is  
2       securable to the ridge pole of the wearer's nose in such a manner as to raise and shorten the tip of  
3       the wearer's nose resulting in an increase in diameter and decrease in length of the wearer's  
4       external nasal airway.

1       46. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 45, wherein said longitudinal support  
2       brace is comprised of a material with sufficient elasticity so as to allow said long leg member to  
3       be conformed to the external surface contour of the wearer's nose.

1       47. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 46, wherein said longitudinal support  
2       brace and said tubing support cross brace are a single component.

1    48. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 46, wherein said longitudinal support  
2    brace and said tubing support cross brace are multiple components.

1    49. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 45, further comprising a means for  
2    securing said apparatus to the wearer's nose.

1    50. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 49, wherein said means for securing  
2    said apparatus to the wearer's nose is adhesive tape.

1    51. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 49, wherein said means for securing  
2    said apparatus to the wearer's nose is adhesive applied to an undersurface of said longitudinal  
3    support brace.

1    52. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 45, wherein said longitudinal support  
2    brace is especially shaped, configured and adapted so as to conform to the external surface  
3    contour of the wearer's nose.

1    53. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 52 wherein said longitudinal support  
2    brace is comprised of a material having sufficient pliability and elastic memory as to allow said  
3    conformance to the external surface contour of the wearer's nose to provide a means of securing  
4    said apparatus to said wearer.

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1    54. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 53, wherein said longitudinal support  
2    brace and said tubing support cross brace are a single component.

1    55. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 53, wherein said longitudinal support  
2    brace and said tubing support cross brace are multiple components.